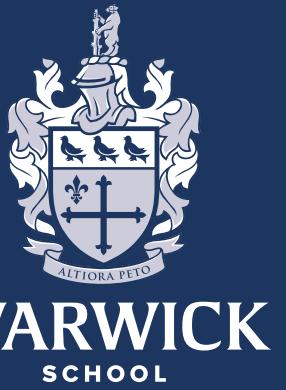


The Old Warwickian



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Forthcoming Events

Welcome to the Michaelmas Old Warwickian. This edition looks back on a full summer calendar of OW, Warwick School and Foundation events. There are even more events and opportunities in the coming months and next year to which OWs are warmly invited.

2025 OWA Annual Dinner

Sat 6 Dec 2025 – The Pyne Room – 18:30

All OWs are warmly invited to this year's OWA Annual Dinner in the Pyne Room on Saturday 6 December at 18:30. Enjoy an evening with fellow OWs and members of teaching staff past and present. Bookings can be made individually, for small groups or tables of 8-10. Pre-dinner drinks will be served at 18:30, followed by a four-course dinner with cheese and port! Card bar facilities for beers, wine and spirits are available.

Dress: Black tie.

Tickets: £48 includes pre-dinner drinks, a four-course dinner with cheese, port and coffee.

Book now at www.oldwarwickians.org/2025AnnDin



OW Dinner in Hong Kong

Sat 20 Sept 2025 – 19:00



OWs in Hong Kong are warmly invited to this year's OW gathering on Saturday 20 September. Enjoy meeting up with Head Master James Barker and Head of Boarding David Bull plus old friends and new over drinks and dinner.

Further details and registration at www.oldwarwickians.org/2025HK

Remembrance and Senior School Carol Service

Sun 9 Nov, 16:15 – Remembrance, Warwick School Chapel

Wed 10 Dec, 19:00 – Warwick Senior School Carol Service, St Mary's Church

Warwick School Music and Drama

OWs are especially welcome back to Warwick School to enjoy some great sport, music and drama. For details explore the Warwick School calendar on www.warwickschool.org (click on Calendar).

Michaelmas 2025 highlights include:

Henry V

12-15 November, Bridge House Theatre

Warwick School and King's High School Senior Production.

<https://www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/>

2025 OWA AGM

Sat 6 Dec 2025, 17:45-18:30 – The Conference Room, Warwick School

OWA Committee 2026 nominations

According to The Rules of the Association: *"The committee shall be empowered to nominate members of the committee, a president elect and an accounts' examiner for the following year, and its recommendations shall be put before members of the Association twenty-eight days prior to the actual meeting. Other nominations correctly proposed and seconded by members shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen days before the AGM. Any member proposed must have indicated their willingness to serve on the committee. The president elect will, subject to other nominations, be confirmed as president at the subsequent AGM."*

The AGM Agenda and committee nominations will be posted on www.oldwarwickians.org/2025AGM by Monday 10 November.

Any other nominations for President-Elect 2026 (to serve as President 2027) and committee members 2026 should be sent to Anne Douglas, Hon Sec OWA, c/o Warwick School (a.douglas@warwickschools.co.uk) no later than Monday 17 November.

Recent Leavers' Drinks

Wed 16 Dec 2025, 17:00-19:00



2023, 2024 and 2025 leavers from Warwick School, King's High and The Kingsley School are invited to Christmas Drinks on Tuesday 13 December from 17:00-19:00. Catch up with fellow recent leavers and enjoy complimentary festive drinks followed by a card-payment bar.

Further details and registration at <https://forms.office.com/e/WjAEJaM5kg>

Orchestra of the Swan and the Foundation Symphony Orchestra

Weds 19 Nov 2025, 19:30, Warwick Hall

<https://orchestraoftheswan.org/concerts/>

Music Award Holders Concert*

Tues 14 October 2025, 18:30, Rosconn Auditorium, King's High

Jazz and Scones*

Weds 5 November 2025, 16:20-17:45, The Pyne Room

Foundation Symphony Orchestra Concert*

Fri 28 Nov 2025, 18:30, Warwick Hall

Christmas Cracker*

Fri 5 Dec 2025, 19:00, Warwick Hall

* No need to book

Wessex Old Warwickians

Fri 10 Oct 2025 – Bournemouth

The next gathering of Wessex Old Warwickians (and anyone else who would like to join them) is in Bournemouth – where it's always sunny, even when it rains! Enjoy a guided tour of the wonderful collections at the Russell Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, followed by lunch at the award-winning West Beach restaurant on the seafront. Build up an appetite with a pre-lunch swim or simply relax (probably a preferred option) with a pre-lunch aperitif at West Beach.

Details and registration at

<https://www.oldwarwickians.org/2025wowbmouth>

Norfolk OWs Lunch

Wed 15 Oct 2025 – Wighton nr Wells-next-the-Sea

The second OWs in Norfolk lunch takes place at The Carpenters Arms at Wighton, near Wells-next-the-Sea on Weds 15 October at 12:30. If you would like to come along to enjoy good food and company with fellow OWs, please register now at <https://www.oldwarwickians.org/2025now>

Encounters – Michaelmas 2025

We look forward to a series of diverse, exciting and thought-provoking talks from a range of inspiring speakers. Talks are generally 16:15-17:30 in the Science Lecture Theatre at Warwick School, are unticketed and open to all our Foundation community.

The Michaelmas 2025 programme will be detailed on www.warwickschool.org/encounters and includes:

- Dr Stephen Belding, An Encounter with the Chemistry of Explosives – Fri 12 Sept
- Nicholas Milton, An Encounter with Neville Chamberlain – Fri 19 Sept
- Lord Brady, An Encounter with the Kingmaker – Fri 14 Nov
- Phil Craig, An Encounter with the End of the British Empire – Fri 21 Nov.

Come and sing with Canticum

Canticum is the Warwick Schools Foundation community choir, comprising members of staff past and present, OWs and members of the wider school and Warwick community. The choir meets on Weds evenings and generally performs in two or three concerts each year. Our Michaelmas season runs from Weds 10 Sept to 15 Oct and from Weds 5 Nov to Sat 6 December (Evening Concert).

If any OWs are in the Warwick area or know of anyone who might be interested, all are welcome to come along and try us out. The choir is open to all voices (no audition) and we rehearse (usually) in Warwick Prep School Hall 19:30-21:00. Our first concert this term will be a performance of the wonderful Mass in D by Dvorak on Sat 6 December.

If you are interested in joining Canticum please sign up at <https://forms.office.com/e/nfCNjY4TzF> or email Stuart Thompson on s.thompson@warwickschools.co.uk

Other events – at a glance

2025

1960s Birmingham Bash

Thurs 23 Oct 2025 – San Carlo, Birmingham

Clive Boast (WS 1956-63) invites OWs from the 1960s to join their contemporaries at the annual Birmingham Bash – drinks in the Old Joint Stock Exchange at 12:00 followed by lunch at San Carlo at 13:00. If you would like to attend, please email Clive on cliveboast@gmail.com. Booking deadline Fri 17 October 2025

OWs in Dubai Dinner

Weds 5 Nov 2025 – Dubai

www.oldwarwickians.org/2025Dubai

OWs in Hong Kong Dinner

Fri 7 Nov 2025 – Hong Kong

www.oldwarwickians.org/2025HKNOV

2026 – Save the date

CCF Review Day

Fri 5 June 2026 (date tbc)

A new opportunity for former CCF cadets to visit the training ground and attend a parade.

1966, '71, '76, '86, '96, 2006 and 2016 Leavers Anniversary Reunions

Sat 6 June 2026 (14:00-17:30) – Warwick School

Warwick School Festival Day

Sat 4 July 2026

A new one-day event with students, OWs and friends performing music, drama and dance and celebrating art in all its forms.

CCF at the Menin Gate

October 2026 (date tbc)

WS CCF will be participating in the Last Post Ceremony under the Menin Gate and at the dedication of a plaque in St George's Memorial Church, Ypres.

If anyone is up for organising something in Vancouver, Sydney or anywhere in between, do get in touch!

OW News

Good food, good friends, good times

The class of '69 try to drink Normandy dry.



Graham Carter, Mike Huntley, Richard Jameson and Chris Meyrick

Another fun meet-up for the class of 1969, this time at the Royal Automobile Club.



Alec Davis, Richard Jameson, Mike Huntley, Nigel Evans and Tony Backhouse

Richard Winter (WS 1960-67) and Rick Hanreck (WS 1964-66), met up for the first time in 59 years. Pictured at a Barnes Music Society event at St Mary's Church, Barnes.



Richard Winter and Rick Hanreck

BAFTA Games Award

Patrick Haynes (WS 2006-13), Senior Producer at Xbox Game Studios Ninja Theory, shared the massive honour of his team winning the 2025 BAFTA Games Award (Technical Achievement) for Senua's Saga: Hellblade II.

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My mate Marmite

School friends Julian Johnston (WS 1964-67) and Peter Ling (WS 1959-67) enjoy meeting up when Peter is over in London. Julian, an American, has settled in the UK while Peter now lives in Connecticut, USA.



Julian (left) and Peter (right) met in a pub off Blackheath after Julian had cycled across London. When over in the UK Peter buys quite a few jars of Marmite!

Triathlon challenge for the Lotus Children's Centre

Rob Nichols (WS 2005-10) continues to raise money for the Lotus Children's Centre in Mongolia. This summer marks the 30th anniversary of the Lotus Children's Centre – a charity which gives orphaned children in Ulaanbaatar, one of the world's most polluted cities, a safe home in the countryside. Clean air, proper schooling, and space to grow up in peace. OWs may remember Rob's epic fundraising cycle ride from Turkey to Japan. This time Rob took on the Box Hill Triathlon Challenge, a 1.5km swim, 40km cycle and 10km run through some big hills. [justgiving.com/page/tri-for-lotus](https://www.justgiving.com/page/tri-for-lotus)



Rob Nichols (left)

Reflections around VE Day

In an article published in The Oldie, Maj Gen Julian Buczacki CBE (WS 1981-92) Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Military Strategy) reflected on VE Day celebrations and how the British Army is still shaped by WWII 80 years on.

Four gambling pensioners?

Martin Green (WS Staff 1970-2005), Tim Hoyle (WS Staff 1992-2011), Brian Emmerson (WS Staff 1968-2006) and Geoff Tedstone (WS Staff 1994-2019) were seen this time last year at the Season Opener at Warwick Racecourse. Ian Moffatt (WS Staff 1972-2002) was also present but missed the photograph – must have been collecting his winnings.



Martin Green, Tim Hoyle, Brian Emmerson and Geoff Tedstone

Our man in Kazakhstan

After three years in Almaty, the former capital of Kazakhstan, John Coles (WS 1983-92) moved to Astana in 2020, the new capital of the country. John is Headmaster of Haileybury Astana – the leading IB and British education school in central Asia with over 700 pupils. John says *"It is an amazing country, a real hidden gem, which very few European people visit. The country has stunning landscapes, lakes, canyons and of course the massive Steppes stretching from Russia to Uzbekistan. With a population of 20 million, in a country the size of Western Europe, the emptiness of the Steppes is amazing. Located on the old Silk Road, the blend of different cultures is rich and varied. Kazakh Culture is incredibly hospitable and you will always feel welcome."*



Community Radio Award

At the end of a fantastic year for community radio, Cam Watson (WS 2011-12) and his team won the coveted silver award for their overnight coverage of the 2024 General Election. Cam undertook the key role of Editor; coordinating and directing students from over 20 UK Universities, including his fellow University of Northampton students. Cam is in the final year of a degree in Multimedia Sports Journalism and he hopes to soon be forging a career in journalism.



Peter O'Grady, 50 years not out

Messages poured in for a special online card to mark Peter O'Grady's fifty years' service at Warwick School. Colleagues past and present, plus many OWs across the decades, showed their appreciation for his phenomenal service teaching, coaching, helping to run the school, supporting colleagues and photographing so many moments.

We'd like to be clear that this is very much '50 not out' and the Maths Department and School will be expecting Peter back again in September.



Now look this way Gentlemen!

Get me to the church

It has been a busy few months in the Rogers household. Alexander (WS 2006-17) married last September and brother Jonathan (WS 2003-14) married Kirby on 10 May at St Edward's Church, Stow on the Wold. Third brother William (WS 2008-19) plus many OWs and King's High OG friends were delighted to share Jonathan's special day.



Last Night Out

With over 15 years' experience in journalism, current affairs and storytelling, Luke Hanrahan (WS 2002-04) returned to school for an 'Encounter with True Crime'. A skilled storyteller, Luke spoke about his true crime documentaries, including *Last Night Out* which reveals the chilling stories of the final night of fun for those whose evenings end in tragedy.



Degree congratulations

Congratulations to all OWs who graduated this summer. We wish you well on the next stage in your journey. Don't forget to use our online networking platform www.warwickfoundationconnect.com if you need contacts, advice or a bit of mentoring.



Alexander Sampson (MSc) and Will Feasey (MPhys), former Senior Prefect and Head of School 2018-19 at their Oxford graduation

1960s OWs and OWRFC

A summer gathering of OWs and former OWRFC players was enjoyed in the garden of the Old Four Penny Shop Hotel in Warwick.



David Wilkinson, Steve Chamberlain and Toni Reszka



Ian Thorpe, Steve Chamberlain, John Elson, Tony Sparks and John Hill



Standing: John Hill (left) and Toni Reszka. Seated (l-r): Chris Kaye, Bill Faulkes and Paul Williams



Paul Williams and Ben Kimberley

The rebuilding of the Upper Avon Navigation

The story of the rebuilding of the Upper Avon Navigation, in which David Higgins (WS 1945-53) played a significant part as industrial designer, should not be forgotten. The project, building 9 locks and 4 weirs linking the two towns of Evesham and Stratford 15 miles apart and using 3 full time employees, a secretary and prisoners on day-release, was an incredible feat of engineering and project management. For details on the story of the project, written in 1974 and re-published, please email upperavonstory@gmail.com

Student rugby league four nations

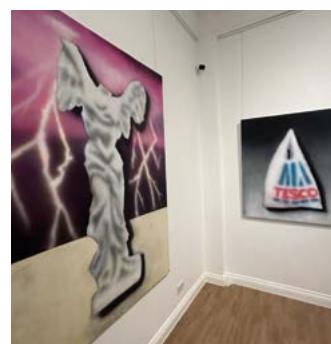
Ben Bell-Thorn (WS 2016-23) and Alex Naylor (WS 2021-23) enjoyed playing against each other at this year's Student Rugby League Four Nations in Nottingham.



Ben (England) and Alex (Wales)

And all shall be memorialised

Artist Tim Gatenby (WS 1998-2005) has been busy producing new pieces for his shows. Tim's solo exhibition, 'And all shall be memorialised' at Blond Contemporary, Piccadilly Arcade, London, ran for four weeks. Some of Tim's popular culture parodies on canvas are available through <https://timothygatenby.com>



Tim Gatenby

Did you see?

Award-winning stand-up Stuart Goldsmith (WS 1986-93) presented *An Inconvenient Time* a brand-new hour at the Edinburgh Fringe. Stu is host of the internationally renowned *Comedian's Comedian* podcast. For anyone who writes comedy, makes comedy, loves comedy or just has an interest in comedians.

www.stuartgoldsmith.com/podcast



Ben Hanlin (WS 1999-2004) brought some magic to Heathrow's Terminal 5 for Comic Relief.

<https://www.benhanlin.com/comic-relief-x-british-airways/>

In a contrasting role from *Cheaters*, Joshua McGuire (WS 1999-2006) took on a darker role in Omar Elerian's production of Ionesco's absurdist play *Rhinoceros* at the Almeida in April.

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Warwick to Warwick, with Warwick

OWs from the class of 1983 cycled from the Warwick Castle pub in London to Warwick School to celebrate their 60th birthdays, see The Stranglers in St Nicholas Park and raise awareness and funds for the rollout of Head for Change's BrainSafe education course.

Head for Change promotes safe participation in all sports, particularly rugby and football. Cyclists Simon Hain, Giles Hill, Tim Cole, Tom Betts, Richard Green and Simon Morrison were supported by Tim Mann (who flew over from Hong Kong) and Warwick Clews in the support car.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/warwick-to-warwick-with-warwick



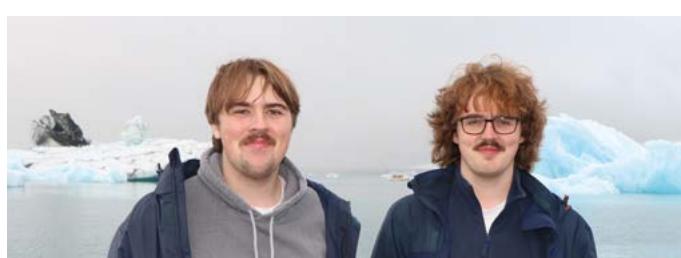
Tim, Simon, Giles, Tim, Tom, Richard, Simon and Warwick

OWs in Iceland

While walking off the Sólheimajökull Glacier on a recent Geography Field Trip to Iceland, Warwick School students were stopped by an OW who spotted their school jumpers. Andrew Simpson (WS 1975-82), on holiday in Iceland, was delighted to reconnect with the school. Amazingly, the school party also bumped into OWs Charlie and William Stowe who were on holiday in Iceland!



Andrew Simpson



Charlie and William Stowe at the Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon



WS students in Iceland 2025

Blues Football Varsity

Oli Johnson (WS 2016-23) reading Philosophy at Cambridge, had a fantastic day when he was selected for this year's Blues Football Varsity Match at Cambridge United's Abbey Stadium. Oli was the first substitution, coming on in the 60th minute and earning his Full Blue. Full time 4-1 Cambridge. This was Cambridge's first men's blues win for six years.



Oli Johnson © Ben Phillips

Lions roar for Fin Smith

Tremendous to see Fin Smith (WS 2013-20) selected for the British & Irish Lions squad for the 2025 tour to Australia. This was Fin's first Lions tour and was particularly special as he follows in the footsteps of his grandfather who toured South Africa with the Lions in 1955.

A rugby ball signed by the British Lions players after their famous victory over the Springboks in South Africa in 1974 was presented to The Portcullis Club (and more recently the school) by Nigel Robinson (WS 1955-66), who was living in South Africa at the time. The ball is now on display in the School Museum in The Portcullis Room.



Fin Smith (WS 2013-20)



Rugby ball signed by the Lions in 1974

Obituaries

We record with regret the passing of Old Warwickians mentioned below and pass on our sympathies to their loved ones, families and friends.

Depending on the wishes of family, obituaries for some appear in The Portcullis and on www.oldwarwickians.org/obituaries. This is a password protected page. The email is obituaries@oldwarwickians.org and the password is AltioraPeto.

Douglas A Barrell, WS 1956-62
 Stephen A Ensall, WS 1984-91
 Iain G Hacking, WS 1952-63
 Michael R Hughes, WS 1969-80
 Roger H Lee, WS 1941-50
 Alan G Martin, WS 1951-59
 Bishop John (AJ) Parkes, WS 1960-66
 Derrick (Dick) A Pears, WS 1963-70
 Charlie Slatter, WS 1962-73
 Paul J Weighell, WS 1963-64

2025 OW Anniversary Reunions

1965, '70, '75, '85, '95, 2005 and 2015 Leavers

7 June 2025

It was wonderful to welcome back to Warwick School some 200 OWs for this year's 2025 Anniversary Reunions. 1965, 1970, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2015 leavers, and a number of staff who taught them, enjoyed a relaxed afternoon reconnecting.

Faces were often instantly recognised but name badges were also helpful. The Head Master gave everyone a warm welcome, reflected on some of the changes which have taken place over the years and talked about the outstanding education offered by Warwick School today.

Thank you to our Y12 prefects who escorted year-groups around the school campus, managing the challenges of numbers and weather with diligence and good humour.

Browse the year-group photos and a further selection of images from the day at www.oldwarwickians.org/2025anniversaryimages



Back: Brian Davies, Brian Emmerson, Louise Haines, Jon Stone, Eric Hadley, Claire Nuttall.
Front: Robert Hudson, Andrew Gough, Daniel Menashe, James Barker, Gervald Frykman,
Geoff Lane, Anne Dickinson



Bob and Sylvia Fair... still supporting our exams team!



Former staff Alan Reilly and Martin Green

1965 Leavers

7 June 2025

Sixty years since leaving Warwick School



"You handled us Dinosaurs very well on the day"



Chris Bennett, Peter Kerner

"Good to roll back the years!"

Back: Nick Madeley, Chris Bennett, John Hill, John White, Peter Kerner, Richard Gething.
Front: Clive Boast, Mike Galbraith, the Head Master, Peter Ogden, Nigel Robinson



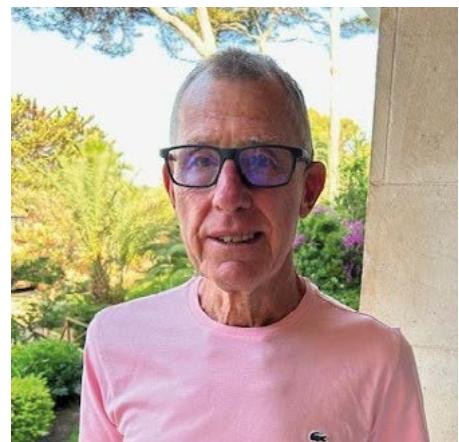
Nick Madeley, Clive Boast, Nigel Robinson, Richard Gething



WS Archivist Gervald Frykman



"Two of us got quickly lost!"



Richard Marlow, unable to make the reunion, sent well wishes hoping that all 'survivors' are troubling Majestic Wine more than the NHS

1970 Leavers

7 June 2025

Fifty-five years since leaving Warwick School

"We missed Ralph Thornton – a rock in our Sixth form years, but I will remember the previous reunion when we did have the opportunity to talk"



Back: Andrew Law, Steve Abbotts, Rupert Griffiths, John Abbotts, Alan Robson, Stephen Miles, Barry Mitchell, Graham Lockley, Ian Foster, David Roberts.
Front: John Cook, Richard Bunker, Rodger Spooncer, the Head Master, Edward Brown, Michael Burn, Derek Barnden



1962 leaver Dave Roberts, 1970 leaver Rodger Spooncer with their wives



Alan Robson, Michael Burn, Edward Brown



Barry Mitchell, John Cook, Stephen Miles, Rodger Spooncer



"OWs should make the effort to keep in touch, however briefly, if only to acknowledge how lucky we have been"

"How the quality of accommodation has moved forwards from the days of the Orlits and 'New' Buildings"



Andrew Law, Stephen Miles, Barry Mitchell, Edward Brown, Richard Bunker



Michael Burn, Richard Bunker



A quick drink before the reunion

1975 Leavers

7 June 2025

Fifty years since leaving Warwick School

"Fantastic to meet up with old friends – after 50 years! The 'additional' activities that were organised by the 1975 leavers around the 'formal' reunion also helped to make it a great weekend: pre-lunchtime meet; drinks and dinner after"



L-r, back: Chris Dewhurst, Tim Nabbs, Peter (PAG) Jones, Bill Penn, Ian Henson, Simon White, Andrew Hewitt, John Hutton, Phillip Rush, Stephen Howell, Peter (PL) Jones, Martin Wood, Alan Reilly, Julian Chorley, Tony Kay, Richard Lees, Graham Adamson, Nick Stephens, Martin Green, Richard Pemberton, Simon Jackson, Andrew Pendleton. Front: Nigel Houston, Laurie Chetwood, Simon Beckett, Tom Snowden, Rick Harrold, Roland Smythe, the Head Master, Brian Sparks, Gordon Stirling, John Vaughan, Oliver Comins, John McKillop, Richard Bendall

From Vancouver to Australia



David Whiteley



Peter Crafter

David Whiteley and Peter Crafter, both living overseas, were very disappointed to miss the 50-year gathering and send very best wishes to their contemporaries

Equally sorry to miss the reunion, Peter, living in Victoria, Australia, was nonetheless pleased to revisit school during a trip to the UK earlier in the year.

David says *"I am unable to attend our 50th anniversary class reunion, where we could all share many great memories of our lives since leaving this great school. My parents moved our family to Canada in 1977, where we settled on Vancouver Island, one of the most beautiful places on earth. I have lived most of my life in Greater Vancouver since that time and am enjoying my retirement after a rewarding career in Automotive service. I wish all my old classmates well and anticipate the reunion will be a great occasion."*

"Great fun! As I had not seen any of my classmates in the 50 years since leaving school I went in with some trepidation. With no reason! I just wish I'd done it earlier"



Julian Chorley, John Hutton,
Ian Henson



Nigel Houston, Julian Chorley,
Tony Kay



Peter (PAG) Jones, Peter (PL) Jones, Rick Harrold,
Brian Sparks



Richard Pemberton, Nick Stephens, Richard
Lees, Andrew Hewitt



Oliver Comins, Simon White, Andrew Pendleton,
Stephen Howell



Roland Smythe, Tom Snowden, Phillip Rush,
Andrew Hewitt



Ian Henson, Laurie Chetwood, Bill Penn,
Richard Bendall, Tony Kay

1985 Leavers

7 June 2025

Forty years since leaving Warwick School



Back: Chris McCarthy, Will Milner. Middle: Philip Hunt, Simon Smale, Charles Griffiths, Matthew Boulter, Simon Tilley, Nick Scaramanga, Peter Wilson. Front: Giles Candy, Steve Colebrook, the Head Master, Peter Scott, Adrian Keeling

"Superb to catch up with so many old friends. Been far too long!"

"Most enjoyable. Only regret was leaving it 40 years"



Matthew Boulter, Peter Wilson, Philip Hunt

"A real pleasure to see people I had lost touch with"



Peter Scott, Charles Griffiths, Philip Hunt, Giles Candy, Nick Scaramanga



Steve Colebrook, Peter Wilson, Philip Hunt, Adrian Keeling, Simon Tilley, Chris McCarthy, Matthew Boulter



Adrian Keeling, Charles Griffiths, Nick Scaramanga



Simon Tilley, Steve Colebrook



Woodwork... now DT



Chris McCarthy, Adrian Keeling



Ann and Simon Smale



1995 Leavers

7 June 2025

"The chat never paused awkwardly for a second"

Thirty years since leaving Warwick School



Back: Oliver Bowden, Duncan Forsyth, Richard Greenway, Mark Duke, Craig Payne, Gareth Phillips, Simon Buczacki, Ciaron Dunne, Arun Kanwar, Dan Rudland, David Rowe, Greg Bates, James Hanson. Front: Simon Wurr, Oliver Bates, Oliver Webb, Martin Green, James Barker, Richard Robinson, Bob Fair, Alan Reilly, Sylvia Fair



Daniel Rudland



Duncan Forsyth, Richard Robinson, Martin Green



Simon Buczacki, Craig Payne, Ciaron Dunne



Oliver Webb, Oliver Bates, Mark Duke



Simon Wurr, Arun Kanwar

2005 Leavers

7 June 2025

"We should make the effort to keep in touch"

Twenty years since leaving Warwick School



Back: Adam Flanagan, Tom Witherall, Will Randall, Alex Carter, Jon Cowen, Sam Murphy, Richard Ward, Justin Wright, Edward Page, Aaron Nagra, Charles Dickson, Rob Rigby, Ray Goddard, Roddy Green. Front: Anil Matoo, Tom Houghton, Richard Pearce, Cian Power, Nicholas Edwards, the Head Master, Kyran Spalding, James Kennedy, Dilip Dhillon, Conor Smith, Tom Pavel



Adam Flanagan, Will Randall



Jon Cowen, Justin Wright



Charles Dickson, Tom Pavel, Rob Rigby



James Kennedy, Aaron Nagra



Cian Power, Roddy Green



James Kennedy, Nicholas Edwards, Cian Power



Ray Goddard, Edward Page



Tom Houghton, Ray Goddard, Anil Matoo, Edward Page, Kyran Spalding

2015 Leavers

7 June 2025

Ten years since leaving Warwick School

"Thoroughly enjoyable – I enjoyed far more than I expected to and wished it could have gone on for longer"



Back: Sam Bluteau-Tate, Oliver Shearman, Paras Sehmar, Henry Malby, Alex Wood, Charlie Reeve, John Anderson, Joshua Mackenzie-Lawrie, Cameron Armstrong, Hilton Garner-Jones, Benjamin Reece, James Wilcox, Adam Merrell, Liam Culbertson. Front: Peter Lau, Stelios Tzirki, Jai Singh Hayer, Hilton Garner-Jones, George Nellany, Harvey Campbell, the Head Master, Henry Harrison, Richard Phillips, Samuel Gooch, Thomas Maycliffe, Henry Birks, Edd Slack, Sam Button



Adam Merrell



Peter Lau, Sam Button



Paras Sehmar, Edd Slack, James Wilcox



Oliver Shearman, Harvey Campbell



Liam Culbertson, Joshua M-L, George Nellany, Hilton Garner-Jones, Cameron Armstrong, Sam Button



Joshua Mackenzie-Lawrie, Samuel Gooch, Liam Culbertson



John Anderson, Henry Birks, Sam Bluteau-Tait, Benjamin Reece



Henry Harrison, Jai Singh Hayer, Stelios Tzirki



George Nellany, Sam Bluteau-Tate, Cameron Armstrong, Harvey Campbell



Hilton Garner-Jones, Benjamin Reece, John Anderson, Alex Wood, Henry Malby

2025 OWA President's Dinner

The Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly, London – 17 May 2025

OWA President Jamie Barr TD (WS 1971-78) hosted a splendid President's Dinner at The Cavalry and Guards Club for almost 100 OWs and guests. This was our first London OWA President's Dinner for nine years.

With the emphasis on encouraging engagement and strengthening our OW community, and with an organised shuffle of the seating plan before cheese, everyone enjoyed meeting old friends and new. We hope many of those attending for the first time will be inspired to attend the President's Dinner in 2026 and encourage friends to come along in future years.

Head Master James Barker (WS 1991-97) spoke passionately about how Warwick School is transforming the lives of hundreds of young individuals. He gave a glimpse into the huge range of opportunities enjoyed by students today and highlighted some of many recent success stories. He reflected on today's challenges and rewards and, toasting the Old Warwickian Association, thanked OWs for their tremendous and enduring support of the school.

The President noted that every decade since 1950 was represented and welcomed many OWs who had been to dinners before, including ten Past Presidents of the OWA. He was particularly delighted to welcome many OWs who were attending a President's Dinner for the first time, including a dozen recent leavers from 2019 and 2020. He thanked everyone for their ongoing commitment to the OWA and support of Warwick School and encouraged OWs to get involved in the new professional and regional networks and actively engage and reach out to one another.

The 914 Society

The President was also delighted to share news of The 914 Society, created to provide bursaries thereby widening access to a Warwick School education which transforms lives. He shared that he had himself been a recipient of a bursary and he encouraged OWs to consider making a contribution to the fund.

Please see <https://www.oldwarwickians.org/914society> for further details.

Browse further images from the evening at www.oldwarwickians.org/2025PresDinPics



Lady Angela and Sir David Foskett



2025 OWA President Jamie Barr with Ian and Maddie Thorpe



Mark Hughes, Sarah Hale, Sam and Tim Harry, Gareth Jones, Joan O'Byrne



David and Rachael Stevens, Harriet Russell, Helen Fairlie, Michael Stevens and Scott Fairlie



Peter Walker, Paul Middleton, Theo Barnes, Jamie Barr, Edward MacPherson, John Whick, Charlie Perkins

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OWA PRESIDENT'S DINNER



2019 Leavers



2020 Leavers



Malcolm Eykyn, David Derbyshire, Val Eykyn and Phil Derbyshire



Thomas Owen, Sebastian Coughlin and Freddie Quelch



Thomas Baylis with wife Eva and her sister Lea



Alex Sabin, Oliver Tubb and William Kelley



Prof Peter and Dr Shirley Varnish



Peter Walker, Alex Butt, the Head Master and Jim Button

Welcome to the OWA

2025 Leavers

Our 2025 leavers celebrated their time at Warwick School with a range of events, culminating in a formal graduation ceremony in Warwick Hall on 23 June, where they were given a fond farewell by James Barker Head Master and Craig Bennett Head of Sixth Form.

Graduation was an opportunity to pause and reflect on individual journeys, to appreciate our students' dedication and accomplishments, to acknowledge their collective and individual contribution to school life and to wish them well as they journey on.

OWA President 2025 Jamie Barr (WS 1971-78) gave our 2025 leavers a warm welcome into the Old Warwickian Association, highlighted some of many opportunities for friendship, camaraderie and networking, and encouraged them to engage in events and opportunities in the years to come.



James Shokar, Ned Wilson



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Adrian Lee, Dmytro Tytov



Dexter Ainley, Marcus Malpass



Daniel Siu, William Chesser, Thomas Smeeton, Matthew Mendoza



Mr James Barker, Ryan Taylor, Frederic Wyatt, Thomas Perry, Mr Mike Perry



Samuel Wallin, Danji Ward



Ryan Taylor, Harry Colliver, Rory Moir



Mahin Khan, Riyaan Qureshi, Mahabir Daler, Omar Ghobara



Daniel Oliver, Mr Craig Bennett, Matthew Mendoza, Oliver Rose



Ambrose Ho and his family having their photo taken by Adrian Lee



Harry Colliver, Mahin Khan, Alex Bosworth



William Chesser, Freddie Buckley, Charles Baldry



Matthew Mendoza, Thomas Smeeton, William Chesser



Back: Andy Xu, Vinci Chan, Andy Li, Kyle Ko, Dmytro Tytov, Riyaan Qureshi, Matthew Yuen, Adrian Lee. Front: Kenneth Qian, Chris He, Hemsley Ho, Marco Lam, Adrian Wong, Gerald Pong



Samuel Wallin, Daniel Rodgers, Oliver Dixon, Bryn Parfitt, Dmytro Tytov, Tivik Perantham



Back: Ed Wye, Dmytro Tytov, Daniel Rodgers, Mr Oliver O'Brien, Oliver Rose, Bryn Parfitt, Thomas Perry. Front: Theo Cooper, Harrison Hart-Buck, Samuel Wallin



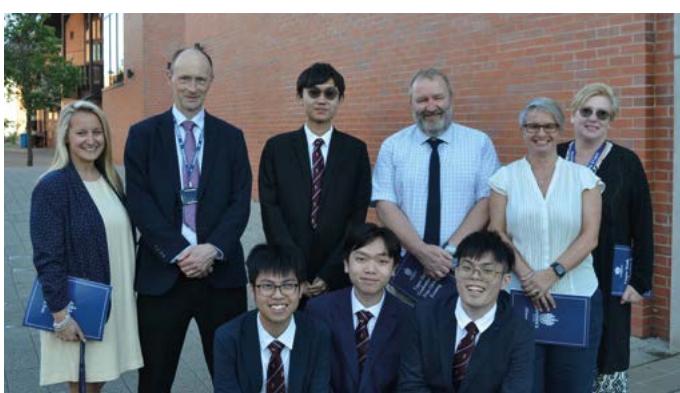
Ray'an Bhanji, Alex Bosworth, Mahin Khan, Jeffrey Yeung



Harry Colliver, Ned Wilson, Finlay Connell, Rory Moir, Benjamin Pink, Danji Ward, Flynn Jamieson, Ryan Taylor



Finlay Connell, Daniel Rodgers, Isaac Royle, Euan Black, Leonardo Sica



Back: Mrs Victoria Carvell, Dr Andrew Hodskinson, Vinci Chan, Mr David Bull, Mrs Katy Bull, Mrs Tina Collier. Front: Adrian Lee, Adrian Wong, Gerald Pong



Farewell

Regional Events

Wessex Old Warwickians BBQ

31 May 2025

Mike Huntley (WS 1962-69) and wife Anne kindly invited Wessex Old Warwickians (WOW) to a BBQ at their home in a village just outside Salisbury for this year's summer gathering.

Wessex Old Warwickians was formed from a conversation in 2019 between Tim Harry (WS 1963-73) and Mike Huntley (WS 1962-69) who discovered they both lived in the South West. They speculated about how many other OWs might live in the realm of "Wessex" and whether there was any mileage in organising regional get-togethers as "WOW" or Wessex Old Warwickians.

The first WOW gathering was a BBQ at Mike's house and, since then, successful WOW gatherings have been held in Shaftesbury, Sherborne, Winchester, Marlborough, Salisbury and, most recently,



Sparkford. The meet-ups have been organised by different OWs on their home patch. Whether you have been to a WOW gathering before or not, these gatherings are always welcoming, friendly and convivial occasions.

London Drinks

Great to see OWs, King's High and Kingsley alumni for this summer's London Drinks at Patch East, Leadenhall Street.



Andrew Evans, Julian Chorley, Marcus Chorley and Robin Lal-Sarin



Melanie Norton, Louise Hunt, Philip Hunt



Jamie Barr, Robin Lal-Sarin



Joseph Danter and Michael Cox



Jon Horne, Anthony Pimm, Martin Garrett



Henry Birks, Jon Stone, Matthew Iredale, George Vetch



Emily Wilson, Becca Callender, Euan McGarr, Oliver Murden

Forthcoming Regional and International Events

OW Dinner in Hong Kong

Saturday 20 September 2025

Wessex Old Warwickians

Bournemouth

Friday 10 October 2025

OWs in Norfolk

The Carpenters Arms, Wighton, nr Wells-next-the-Sea

Wednesday 15 October 2025

OW Dinner in Dubai

Wednesday 5 November 2025

OW Dinner in Hong Kong

Friday 7 November 2025

To enquire about or register an interest in attending any of these events please visit www.oldwarwickians.org/2025 or contact Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschools.co.uk

Bridge House Theatre's 25th Anniversary

2025 is the 25th anniversary of the Bridge House Theatre, which sits proudly at the centre of our Warwick School campus. Since it was opened by Dame Judi Dench in 2000 the theatre has become a focal point in the school community and has grown into one of the area's most popular venues for theatre, music, comedy and more.

The Anniversary Showcase, on 10 May, was a special evening to celebrate all the incredible theatre experiences the Bridge House Theatre has provided over the last 25 years.

Featuring pupils past and present, the Showcase included short extracts from plays, musicals and sketches alongside images and displays recalling many of the incredible shows put on by our students. The audience was delighted to hear streamed messages from Dame Judi Dench and Joshua McGuire, one of our many OW actors who performed on the BHT stage as a Warwick School student. One of the highlights of the evening was a witty improv from Charlie Hamblett (WS 2004-11), Maanuv Thiara (WS 2001-12) and Ralph Davis (WS 2003-14). Wonderful to see them back on the BHT stage!

"I have so many memories connected with this wonderful theatre, a place that became a sanctuary for me to express myself and experience the joy of performing and portraying a whole range of wonderful characters! The Bridge House Theatre is full of so many wonderful memories, filled to the brim with the amazing performers, directors, musicians and creative people who have made it what it is today".

Edward Robinson (WS 2012-19)



Dame Judi Dench



Joshua McGuire



Ralph Davis, Maanuv Thiara and Charlie Hamblett



Tommy and Hope



Maanuv, Charlie, HM and Ralph



Matthew and Josh Holmes

In conversation with...

Leopold Hughes (WS 1999-2006)

With a warm smile, good humour and enormous positivity, it is easy to see how Leo has come so far in the film industry during the relatively short time since leaving Warwick School. As a film producer, and still only 37, Leo has been racking up film credits including *Knives Out* (2019), *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation* (2015) and *Star Wars: Episode VIII – The Last Jedi* (2017).



Leopold Hughes

School years

As a not-so-confident 16-18 year-old, Leo's Sixth Form years were helped by his love of Drama A Level, performances in the Bridge House Theatre and Guy Nelson Hall and support from inspiring teachers including John Jefferies and John Daws. Some of his fondest memories include being cast as Mark Anthony in *Julius Caesar* and performing *The Messiah* in three different

locations at school, including chapel. Breaking his leg playing football is best forgotten.

Flowers, flags and early filming



Three generations of OWs. Leo with Geoffrey Binks and father Mark Hughes

On leaving school, Leo soon abandoned a degree in Archaeology to follow his dream of directing and producing films. He completed a course at the MetFilm School London while working as a Charity Street Fundraiser and Flower Seller, graduating with a First.

He always knew he wanted to direct and produce films. Knowing he had to build his credits to start his career, he embraced many free and low paid TV jobs as a Runner, Assistant Manager of Post Production, Assistant Production Coordinator and Social Media Manager. From running around for the first Soccer Aid, to putting up the flags (not all correctly) at the London 2012 Olympics, he moved from job to job until his first break in film as a Directors Assistant for the Bruce Willis movie *RED 2*. A role, at the time, that had very little credence in the UK film industry.



Leo as Papa John's manager in RED 2

Extreme Frontiers USA

Breaking into the film industry takes more than one strike. After filming ended, bills still need paying so, by taking risks and aiming high, he landed his first filming break with Charlie Boorman's *Extreme Frontiers USA*. After exaggerating his rock-climbing skills, praying that his claim to be a scuba diver was never put to the test and a crash course in riding a motorbike, Leo spent months coordinating and helping to film the series from the volcanic infernos of Hawaii to the icy peaks of Alaska, and then from east to west USA venturing off the beaten track, always in search of extreme adventures and challenges.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zawXihWDYfs> (do watch!)



On the Pacific Coast Highway, California, Extreme Frontiers USA



Diving in North Carolina, Extreme Frontiers USA



Filming at Ditsworthy Warren for All The Devils Are Here



On set in Ireland for Star Wars VIII



On set of Star Wars



A hug from Chewie



Leo playing Tie Fighter Pilot 'Poldin LeHuse' in Star Wars



On set of All The Devils Are Here in Dartmoor



At the US premiere of Knives Out



On set of Knives Out 2: Glass Onion in Serbia

Behind the camera

Leo has always been a passionate photographer and loves being behind the lens; his film credits are already impressive and his connections are ever-growing. Decisions have sometimes been difficult, but he has taken chances, seized opportunities and is grateful for some lucky breaks and encouraging people in the film industry.

What next?

Leo would love and promises to come back to Warwick soon to talk to the boys about getting into film. His stories and manner will undoubtedly inspire them. Watch this space!

Films coming out soon

Watch out for...

Wake up Dead Man

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRqU2276eaQ>

The Only Living Pickpocket in New York

<https://deadline.com/2025/04/john-turturro-to-star-the-only-living-pickpocket-in-new-york-1236364420/>

A Place in Hell

<https://faroutmagazine.co.uk/andrew-scott-and-daisy-edgar-jones-star-in-law-thriller-a-place-in-hell/>

Leo's Five Favourites

Favourite film – *Kind Hearts and Coronets*

Favourite book – *The Empty Space* by Peter Brook (which John Daws introduced to Leo)

Favourite place – Wherever with my wife

Who would you like to sit next to at a dinner party?
– Philip Seymour Hoffman

Favourite song – The Bucket by Kings of Leon

Warwick School News

Herewith reflections of some of many moments, grand and quiet, that contributed to a memorable summer term as we encourage our boys to aim high, care deeply, and strive always to be the very best version of themselves.

Let the music play

From the creative energy of Belonging Week's "Song in a Day", to the professional polish of our Jazz Lab and Funk After Eight ensembles at Soho's Pizza Express Jazz Club, our boys have not just performed, they have inspired. The Summer Serenade brought our community together in celebration and memory, particularly as we unveiled a tribute to Dan Robertson – a teacher whose musical legacy continues to resonate across generations.

Warwick School's buglers featured in local VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations. Performing in front of veterans, military personnel, dignitaries and members of the community, our students delivered superb performances that honoured the occasion with pride and professionalism.

We were also proud to welcome The Band of the Scots Guards to Warwick School. Students had the opportunity to learn from and work alongside the prestigious military band.

During Belonging Week Year 9 learned about music from around the world, as they rotated in sessions to learn about and practice Indonesian Gamelan, African Drumming and Brazilian Samba.



Year 9 Drummers



The Band of the Scots Guards



VE Day Anniversary

Aerospace and Engineering Careers

It was fantastic to welcome back the Aerospace Careers Programme charity who presented some of the latest technologies to students from our Foundation and from local state schools.

The day included talks on uncrewed aircraft systems, drones and VR technology, visionary examples of "next generation" routes into Aerospace industries and a demonstration of cutting-edge technology involving AI, Augmented Reality and Blockchain tools to produce 3D/virtual designs.



Ambulances for Ukraine

Pupils from Warwick and King's High took part in a sponsored walk to raise funds for emergency humanitarian support on the Ukrainian frontline. As a result of their walk and by raising additional funds through 'home clothes day' and doughnut sales, students raised over £15,000 to purchase two ambulances. On 29 April the ambulances arrived at Warwick School before being driven all the way to Ukraine that same day. They are now in use.



HADO World Cup

Robbie, in Year 9, headed to China to represent Scotland at the HADO World Cup. HADO is an augmented reality sport originally developed in Japan. It is played in teams of three on a 10 x 6m court with all players wearing a headset and wrist sensor which capture their movements in the real world, translating them into the game. The aim is to score points by shooting down opposition players while dodging their attempts to do the same.



Beyond the classroom

Beyond our gates, pupils have explored ideas, history, and culture through an extraordinary range of trips – from Spain and Paris, to Dunkirk and Iceland – while others have made a difference closer to home, whether leading workshops for primary school pupils or supporting local charities.

Summer Art Gala

This summer marked the much-anticipated return of our annual Art Gala which showcased the outstanding work of our Year 11 and Year 13 students.



CCF

CCF cadets attended a VE Day celebration at Priors House Care Home in Leamington, demonstrating their fieldcraft and drill skills and sharing stories with the residents, many of whom are veterans.



VE Day celebration at Priors House Care Home



Flight simulators in the Contingent tent

The Heaton Podcast

Enjoy listening to a discussion of History and Politics from teachers at Warwick School. Olly O'Brien and John Jefferies generally produce a podcast once a fortnight during term time. Fifty previous podcasts to which you can still listen include:

- VE Day: The War Ends in Europe
- Reform's Rise: Reaction to the Council Elections
- An Encounter with the House of Lords

<https://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com/>

Sport for all at every level

In sport, we have seen both exceptional team spirit and remarkable individual accomplishments. Standout achievements such as James T's selection for England U18s, the tennis team's gripping win over Rugby School and podium finishes at Birmingham Rapidplay competition, reflect the hard work, resilience and joy our pupils bring to competitions.

Sports day, supported by staff and students in the Lower Sixth, was a fantastic way to end Belonging Week, encouraging student participation in sport at every level.



On your marks!



House relays



All ages enjoyed the tug of war



Birmingham Rapidplay

Thanksgiving Service

A special Warwick Schools Foundation Thanksgiving Chapel Service on 3 July celebrated our links and relationship with the town of Warwick. The service included the dedication of a plaque for Ralph Thornton (WS staff 1948-89), who passed away last year, a few months after his 100th birthday. As well as serving for over 40 years at Warwick School (as teacher, Form Master, House Master, Head of Mathematics and Second Master), the town of Warwick benefitted from his active involvement, and this Thanksgiving Service was a fitting occasion to include the dedication of a plaque in his name.



Ralph is pictured sitting in the Second Master's seat on his last visit to the chapel – the wedding of his grandson Sam to Sophie in July 2016.

Belonging Week

Letters from Warwick School Y7 students to our OWs

At the end of the summer term Warwick School held a 'Belonging Week' when students were off timetable, undertaking a fun-filled calendar of community activities. One of the activities for our Year 7s (Lower IV) is designed to help them realise, from their early days at Warwick School, that they are part of a much bigger community of Old Warwickians. Our Y7s were encouraged to compose a hand-written letter to one of our senior OWs, telling them a little bit about being in Year 7 at Warwick School today.

Extracts from letters from Year 7s to some of our OWs



"Moving to Warwick School wasn't a big challenge but the subjects are definitely a lot harder (especially Maths)"

"I am in Year 7 and I am in the best house ever – Tudor! Although we lose everything we still keep our hopes high!"

"I play the oboe and am in a music group. Did you play any musical instruments?"

"I'm finding Geography difficult but I'm still trying to learn"

"My favourite subject is Design and Technology because I really enjoy using the machines and tools to make something I can actually use and also because I want to be an architect or engineer. What job did you do?"

"I hope you've had a nice break from learning. Since you have been here the school has decided to bring in Yondr Pouches which are pouches that you have to lock your phones in with a signal blocking layer"

"I would like to ask for your advice on how to get top marks in English and how to get to A team rugby"

"Hockey you don't get hurt as much, but someone can whack you with a stick. Rugby is just adrenaline and hype! I'm better at hockey, but rugby is good too"

"We are doing a project across Drama, Science, English and Geography where we research different things and present them to parents. I am dressing up as a wind turbine so our group has already won"

"If you support a football team I hope it isn't Man United"

"Warwick School has remodelled a lot and there is a girls' school called King's High, the Science building has got a new design and Food Tech has been added. King's High and Warwick sometimes collaborate to perform various performances, you can meet pupils of King's High at a place called the plaza"

"What did the school look like during World War 2 and did planes crash into the school?"

"I have done well in my end of year exams and I am sure an Old Warwickian like you probably did amazing in your end of year exams"

"Occasionally I need to rush my homework on the bus on the way to school. Did you have a lot of homework?"

"When I joined Warwick School in September I felt nervous at first but I quickly grew in confidence and I started to develop my friendships"

"I love cricket even though I may be in the D team. When I moved up to Warwick School I would have never imagined it to be this kind"

"I hope you had a fabulous experience at Warwick and keep in touch with old friends"

Extracts from OW replies



"I was delighted to receive your letter telling me about your time at Warwick"

"Yes, we did have a tuck-shop. I was greedy then and I'm greedy now, but my weight is the same now as it was when I was 18 in 1956. This is my reward for being very well behaved!"

"The School has sent me your letter which reminds me of my handwriting at your age. I wish you every good fortune in your studies"

"What a pleasant surprise to receive your chatty letter giving me news of some of the events at Warwick School!"

"I entered the school in 1949 and I left in 1956. I'm very, very, very old, but I'm also a very fast walker. Very!"

"Few people had a car when I started in 1947 and petrol was rationed, so we cycled"

"In the old school song (I was at school from 1946 to 1953) are the words 'Work hard, play fair' and I think these are well worth remembering"

"I hope you will continue to enjoy happy and successful years at Warwick and realise your dreams and ambitions. The world is your oyster"

"The friends that I made at Warwick School have lasted me throughout my lifetime. They are situated across the world. They are the brothers that I have never had"

WS Archives

The 1985 rugby tour of Zimbabwe

Forty years ago Brian Emmerson organised the School's first long-distance overseas sports tour. Jonathan Bacon (WS 1979-86) shares a few words, and quite a few pictures, from the trip...

The school's tour of Zimbabwe was a long time ago and not sure about the others (or the adults) but I was quite naive – it was an adventure in Africa. The country being only five years independent and all the history and situations up to that point weren't top of my list. It was quite an eye-opener at times. We played the games, we went on a little prop' plane from Harare to Bulawayo. We visited Victoria Falls. We jumped off a boat in the middle of a big lake where I'm pretty sure they told us "It's okay, the crocs don't come out into the deep water". We hung around the pool. We visited a mine. We watched another game (I think we might have been the curtain raiser). We met people and mixed with locals and went on a safari on the back of an old truck and a trailer pulled by a tractor – wild animals!

Mr Emmerson and Mr Moffatt (ably assisted by Dr Freeman) did an amazing job of making it happen (the logistics must have been quite a challenge). Lots of rugby, hard ground, challenging showers and messing about. James (Jim) Blake I've still got your #1 shirt for some reason so give me a shout and you can have it back – it might still fit. Mine does – if I don't have to move around whilst wearing it!

Results St George's (Harare) 20-6 / Lomagundi College (Chinhoyi) 4-0 / Chinhoyi High School 29-8 / Jameson School (Harare) 11-3 / Christian Brothers' College (Bulawayo) 28-3 / Peterhouse School (Marondera) 19-0 and Prince Edward School (Harare) 18-12.



Victoria Falls



Another lineout



Closest we got to a team photo



Lineout



Meeting the African wildlife



Dr Peter Freeman offers some science



On safari



Stadium curtain raiser



Mark Calverley kicking



Mr Emmerson ('Sir') – well-earned rest



These are just some of the photos from the tour. Jonathan has roughly scanned quite a few and they are all available as a flickr album. Scan the QR code on this page to go there. Comments and stories from fellow tourists very welcome!

News from other Warwick Foundation Schools

Some of many summer highlights from across our Foundation schools and community

Warwick Prep

Warwick Prep children embraced a remarkable breadth of opportunities over the summer term, demonstrating curiosity, commitment and resilience.

Outdoor learning continues to be hugely popular at Forest School.



Newsies Jr., the adaptation of the Broadway musical Newsies, was an energetic and uplifting Year 6 production.



Year 6 girls explored action and adventures at Flamborough Head.



T Rex visited Reception to help them learn more about dinosaurs.



From informal concerts to joining some of the senior ensembles, pupils shared the magic of music.



Year 2 children put on an amazing production of *Wiz Wham Alakazam*



Year 3 pupils from Warwick Prep, Warwick Junior School, The Kingsley School and The Croft Preparatory School played in a Festival of Cricket at Warwick School.



Gervald Frykman, in-house beekeeper, gave a beekeeping talk by the beehives in the Head Master's garden.



Supporting our Community

King Henry VIII Choral Programme



A new King Henry VIII Choral Programme is being launched as part of a partnership with The Collegiate Church of St Mary, made possible by the historic relationship Warwick Schools Foundation and St Mary's enjoy with The King Henry VIII Endowed Trust, Warwick. The King Henry VIII Choral Awards – funded by The King Henry VIII Endowed Trust, Warwick, are musical scholarships for boys and girls from Year 3 upwards who are a pupil at one of our schools and an active member of St Mary's Choir. <https://www.warwickschoolsfoundation.co.uk/khviii-choral-award>

Science in Action

During a Science in Action week local high school pupils made connections with WSF students interested in the same career path, helping to prepare for university applications.

Tutoring Programme

Local pupils from St. Mary Immaculate Catholic School recently attended a prize-giving ceremony, where they received a certificate from Warwick Town Mayor, Jackie D'Arcy at The GAP Community Centre. The pupils have participated in an additional tutoring programme organised by Warwick Schools Foundation, St. Mary's Church and The GAP Community Centre with support from local charities.



Orchestra of the Swan

Foundation partners Orchestra of the Swan returned for their final concert of the season at Warwick Hall. *Interstellar* provided an exceptional evening of music, living up to the outstanding standard that they have continually set since the partnership with WSF began in 2019.

Oracy Workshop

In the coming academic year several local primary schools will again be invited to attend an annual Oracy Workshop facilitated by The English-Speaking Union. Oracy supports a rounded education, developing confidence, debating techniques, and active listening skills.



King's High School

King's High School is delighted to have been a Finalist for two awards in the Tes Schools Awards 2025, aka the 'Oscars of Education'. This included Independent Senior School of the Year for the second year running.



The summer term was packed with concerts, ensembles and individual successes.



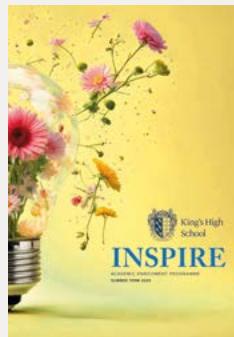
Year 8 students embarked on an unforgettable week-long adventure in Snowdonia.



100 KHS Old Girls from 1965, 75, 85, 95, 2005 and 2015 reunited for their landmark anniversaries.



The Inspire Academic Enrichment Programme was bursting with opportunities to ignite creativity, curiosity and independence.



The production of *No Place Like Home* was a particular summer term highlight.



From September 2025 Flexi-Boarding will be introduced for students from Year 9 to Sixth Form.



Three KHS classmates from the late 1950s were delighted to see one another again... and two of the staff who had taught them, at the recent Foundation Thanksgiving Service.



Janet Wilson, Letitia Hammon, Carol Lane, Henrietta Cooke and Thelma Dawkes

The Kingsley School

140 Acts of Kindness

The Kingsley School was awarded Highly Commended in the 'Giving Something Back' category at the Muddy Stilettos Best Schools Awards 2025. This national recognition celebrates the school's 140 Acts of Kindness initiative, a whole-school project created to mark its 140th anniversary by inspiring students, staff and families to carry out small and large meaningful acts of kindness within and beyond the community.



The Lady Egan Learning Resource Centre



Lady Julia Egan (TKS 1954-60) was pleased to open the newly developed Learning Resource Centre at The Kingsley School. The new Centre stands as a symbol of Kingsley's commitment to academic excellence, opportunity and the power of education to change lives.

90th Birthday



Ros Partridge (TKS 1940-54), daughter of WS Head Master AHB Bishop, was delighted to help celebrate her Kingsley school friend Susan Strickland's 90th birthday.

OW Sport

OW Spring Golf Day

20 May 2025 – Tadmarton Heath GC



L-r Oliver Bates, Mike Barnwell, Sam Gill, Peter Baird, Richard Simmons, Malcolm Lines, Clive Boast, Andrew Dunnell, Tim Shenton-Taylor (capt), Neil Sanyal, Piers Neville, Julian Marcus, Gareth Jones, Peter Gedge, Ian Henson, Tim Harry, Clive James. Thanks to Malcolm Eykyn for taking the photo.

With thanks to Julian Marcus (Hon Sec)

What a day to hold this year's OW Golf Society Spring Golf Day at Tadmarton Heath! The weather was utterly stunning with glorious sunshine all day. The views at 7.30am were incredible as six sun-soaked golfers met for the 8am draw for partners before setting out eagerly to win a Gracey Tankard and the first silverware of the year. Due to the dry conditions the course was playing very short and any ball straying across a fairway proved easy pickings for the waiting gorse! The scores, nevertheless, were impressive.

With the Gracey Tankards decided, the morning combatants were joined by a further 12 golfers for a fabulous lunch before the main event – The Langley Trophy and The Gedge Pot. Peter Gedge continued his ongoing OWGS support at Tadmarton (50+ years) and there were mentions too from non-playing members including Chris Kaye, Rob Kay and others who wished to be remembered.

Play moved along nicely with time for a refreshment stop on the glass fronted deck to soak up the remainder of the late afternoon sun, before a lovely dinner in the clubhouse. Two 'debutants' Neil Sanyal and Ian Henson were warmly welcomed and presented with the much-coveted Malcolm Lines ball markers. The OWGS port decanter was filled courtesy of 2025 OWGS Captain Tim Shenton-Taylor – a great start to his captaincy year!

Gracey Tankards

Edinburgh foursomes – take the best of 2 drives and play alternate shots on either odd or even holes.

- Winners: Julian Marcus and Piers Neville on 44 pts
- Runners up: Sam Gill and Richard Simmons on 36 pts (back 9)
- Third: Tim Harry and Mike Barnwell on 36 pts.

Langley Trophy

The individual main event – an individual stableford off full handicap.

- Winner: Ian Henson on 35 pts
- Runner up: Richard Simmons on 34 pts (back 9)
- Third: Tim Harry on 34 pts
- Fourth: Julian Marcus on 32 pts (back 9).

The prizes were the much sought-after golf balls and, in addition, bottles of wine donated by the Captain and Richard Simmons.

The Peter Gedge Pot

Peter Gedge was one of the founding members of the OWGS making the first OWGS golf day at Tadmarton Heath GC back in 1967. He was the club's first Hon Sec and then OWGS Captain, not to mention a constant attendee at OW golf days. Peter has generously bought a solid silver pot (101 years old) which he presented to the OWGS as a prize for the best gross score.

Winner: Sam Gill, Gross 83 (par 69).

Nearest the pin: 7th: Piers Neville, 16th: Ian Henson.

Save the date

2025 Autumn Golf Day

Friday 19 September 2025 at Stratford on Avon Golf Club – 27 or 18 hole options.

2026 Spring Golf Day

Tuesday 19 May 2026 at Tadmarton Heath GC.

Everyone is always very welcome and it would be lovely to see some new faces, some 'old' but younger faces and, of course, the old stalwarts.

Further details from Julian Marcus on arkvets@hotmail.com.



Andy Dunnell, Clive Boast, Peter Baird, Neil Sanyal & Clive James at Tadmarton GC



Tim Shenton-Taylor (right) presents Ian Henson with The Langley Trophy

OWs vs School Tennis 2025

21 June 2025



OWs: Alex Butt, Mark Wilson, Myles Collett, Edward Horton
and School: Zac, Theo, Alex and Ned

One of the endearing aspects of the OWA, the camaraderie across different decades, was played out beautifully at this year's OWs vs School tennis match on 21 June.

This year's match was a mix of rubbers, with OWs playing and also mixing in with current students. Myles Collett (WS 1962-73) and Mark Wilson (WS 1967-74) were pleased to meet up for the first time in over forty years and remembered playing together in the 1972-73 1st XV. They were joined by Edward Horton (WS 2015-17) and Alex Butt (WS 2014-21). Post-match sandwiches and a beer in the Halse Pavilion were most welcome before, for some, the long journey home. For the record...

Round 1

OWs Myles and Alex beat the School pair of Ned and Alex – 6-2.
OWs Mark and Edward beat the School pair of Zac and Theo – 6-1.

Round 2

Myles (OW) and Theo (WS) beat Alex (OW) and Zac (WS) – 6-4.
The school pair of Ned and Alex beat OW Mark and Edward – 6-1.

Thanks to all who played and to Ben Hurst and Joe Chapman for organising.

Myles was pleased to present the school with one of his Masters Tennis Shirts – to go on display in the Halse Pavilion alongside other shirts donated by OWs who have represented their country at national and international level. Myles has been playing Seniors Tennis since 2018.



Myles Collett

OW Cross Country – runners invited

13 September 2025

OW runners are invited to join an OW team for the annual inter-schools Alumni Cross-Country Race over Wimbledon Common on Saturday 13 September 2025.

The five-mile Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Race starts at 15:00 sharp at the Thames HQ (SW15 3DU) near the Robin Hood roundabout on the A3, two miles southwest of Putney. We would love as many OWs as possible to enter. Team size is unlimited.

There is a £10 per person entry fee. Entrants must be bona fide alumni of their school, but each team can include one current member of staff. There are separate scored competitions within the one race for teams of V40, 50, 60, and 65; Age Related, Open, Ladies; First Finisher, First Lady Finisher. Guests are also welcome, entering their team as 'GUEST'.

OWA President 2025 Jamie Barr warmly invites the OW team to join him for post-race refreshments at his home in Putney.

If you would like to join the 2025 OW team please register at <https://data.opentrack.run/en-gb/x/2025/GBR/thhar/> and advise Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschools.co.uk



The 914 Society

At Warwick School and across our Foundation schools, we believe in the power of education to transform lives. Thanks to the philanthropic support of previous generations, we are already able to fund 130 bursary places across our schools each year, giving the gift of a Warwick education to those who would not otherwise be able to access it. Every additional pound we receive for our bursary fund goes towards increasing that number.

What is the 914 Society?

Donors giving £9.14 or more to bursaries each month become members of our new 914 Society. Taking its name from the year traditionally associated with the founding of the first of our family of schools, the Society recognises and honours the past, present and future of philanthropy, and how, without generous support from donors, none of our schools would exist.

The 914 Society is an exclusive community of supporters dedicated to widening access to a Warwick Schools Foundation education. It is a way for members to make a regular meaningful contribution to give future generations the same opportunities that they once enjoyed.



"It's hard to say where I'd be today without a bursary. What I can say with confidence is that it's shaped who I am today. The confidence and life skills I have developed, the way I present myself and the way I navigate life is because of how the school supported and nurtured me."

David Crowther, WS 2010-17



"I spent four years in the British Embassy in Washington and was surprised to see the loyalty Americans show towards their Alma Mater. They practice generosity and a sustainable kindness. On my return to the UK and when OWA President I was determined to encourage OWs to follow this example of generosity, attention and loyalty to Warwick School with pride.

The creation of the 914 Society is but one example of how we can all support bursaries at Warwick and I am truly delighted to be one of the first new contributors.

A regular monthly gift makes such a huge difference, and donations can be put against tax. May I also ask you to consider leaving a legacy in your will."

Peter Varnish OBE, WS 1954-65 and 914 Society member



Why join?

- Stand with others to support future generations
- Make a life-changing difference
- Give something back to Warwick

As a member of the 914 Society, you will receive:

- A personalised thank you letter
- Updates on the impact of your donations
- Invitations to donor events and behind-the-scenes stories

Sign up now to change a future

If you'd like to change a future please register here <https://secure.edirectdebit.co.uk/Warwick-School/bursaries-2025> to choose which school(s) you would like to support, how much you would like to contribute and whether you would like to give monthly, quarterly or annually.